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The method is for the improved oxygen delignification of cellulose pulp with a medium consistency of 8-16 %. The fraction of dissolved oxygen can be maintained at a high level throughout the process by the use of high pressure, greater than 15.0 bar, and by repeated agitative mixing while maintaining the high pressure, such that as large a fraction as just over 20% of the total oxygen added is dissolved in the fluid phase, and such that the amount of oxygen in the fluid phase is maintained at a high level throughout the complete high pressure section. By the establishment of retention times between the remixing operations with successively increasing retention times, while retaining a high pressure, an optimal adaptation of the remixing is obtained at the time at which a certain fraction of the oxygen dissolved in the fluid phase has been consumed.--

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